

Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles

First 5 LA Supportive Housing for Homeless Families Fund



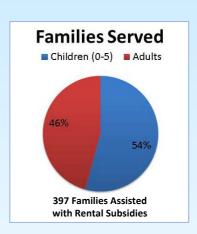
PROGRESS REPORT - March 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

County-Wide Effort to Assist Families

The implementation of the Community Development Commission (CDC) of the County of Los Angeles's First 5 LA funding began in November 2012 when the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a five-year contract between the CDC and the First 5 LA Commission to fund permanent supportive housing for homeless children and their families.

Currently, this effort is comprised of 18 Community-Based Organizations who work to increase the resources available for children, 0-5 years old, and their families. First 5 LA uses tobacco tax revenues to manage the Supportive Housing for Homeless Families Fund, which funds programs and services that enable families to maintain stable housing.

Program Successes 3/1/13 - 3/31/14	
Families Assessed	522
Families Assisted with Rental Subsidies	397
Children Served (0-5 years old)	755
Adults Serviced	636
Total Number of Beneficiaries	1,526
Total Expenditures as of 3/31/2014	\$3,358,454



First 5 LA Program - Questions and Answers

- Q: What is the Rental Assistance and Supportive Services Program?
- A: This program provides rental assistance and supportive services to families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Q: What are the eligibility requirements for the program?
- A: There are three requirements to enter the program: 1. Families must be homeless or at risk of homelessness; 2. At least one child must be between 0-5 years old; and 3. Annual income must be at or below 30% of median family income.
- Q: How much money has been awarded to the First 5 LA Supportive Housing for Homeless Families Fund?
- A: The Fund was awarded \$25 million in Round 1 and \$10 million in Round 2.
- Q: What are the goals of the program?
- A: The program expects to serve over 1,400 families and develop five Supportive Housing Projects to provide 242 units of permanent supportive housing through 2016.



A Story of Strength and Hope

Nayeli came in contact with the County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a youth and lived in the foster care system for many years before reuniting with her family. She currently has four children under the age of 5, with the youngest at 9 months who was designated as a "failure to thrive" infant shortly after birth. With rental assistance from the First 5 LA Program, Nayeli has made her apartment into a home and has been connected to supportive services and resources for her family. As a result, the 9-month old baby has graduated from a feeding tube to a bottle.

Nayeli is a determined mother who takes advantage of every opportunity to better the lives of her children.

211 is the Number to Know!

Homeless families and individuals seeking help should dial 211 to be connected to the County information and referral line.

211 LA County offers confidential services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in English, Spanish, and over 140 other languages. Services are also available to individuals with hearing impairments.

First 5 LA Rental Assistance and Supportive Services Fund - Service Providers Map



Supportive Housing Projects coming soon!